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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released a publication entitled `Indian Standards` developed by the Bureau of Indian Standard regarding quick `Methods for Detection of Adulterants/ Contaminants in Common Food Products`;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof; and

(c) the response received by the said publication so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): BIS has published an Indian Standard IS 15642 (Parts 1 and 2):2006 titled `Quick Methods for Detection of Adulterants/Contaminants in Common Food Products`.

(b): The standard includes methods involving visual examination, physical methods and certain chemical methods for detecting food adulteration and contamination. The objective for development of such a standard is to promote consumer awareness regarding the quality of the food and alertness to detect common type of food adulteration.

(c): This standard is for the guidance of the consumers.